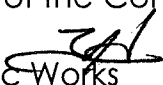


**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR ACTION**

Item No. PW 09-31

SUBMITTED TO: Chairman McGovern and Members of the Commission

SUBMITTED BY: Travis K. Hopkins, PE, Director of Public Works 

DATE: September 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Installation of Transit Shelters at the Pacific Coast Highway
Transit Center between 1st Street and Huntington Street

Statement of Issue: Plans and specifications are in final preparation for the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Transit Center upgrades. Staff is seeking support for the project's revised transit shelter design and installation locations.

Funding Source: Funds in the amount of \$330,748 are budgeted for the PCH Transit Center project in Account No. 87390005.82700 for construction of the upgrades. Funding is a combination of an OCTA grant (\$150,000) and AQMD funds (\$180,748).

Recommended Action: Motion to recommend to the City Council the proposed Pacific Coast Highway Transit Center upgrades and reinitiating the competitive bid process.

Alternative Action(s): Recommend project changes.

Analysis: In 2003, the City applied for and obtained a grant to partially fund upgrades to the existing transit facilities at the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Transit Center located on PCH between 1st Street and Huntington Street. The project is intended to encourage transit ridership by providing additional rider amenities and protection, and improving the experience at the PCH Transit Center.

The previously recommended project includes the installation of bus shelters with benches, trash receptacles, and planters. The improvements are located along the existing 550 foot bus turnout area on the coastal side of PCH between 1st Street and Huntington Street. The original estimated cost of the project was \$330,748 funded by a grant from OCTA and funds from AQMD Rule 2766 Subvention Fund.

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On January 21, 2009, the Public Works Commission unanimously approved for competitive bidding the installation of bus shelters and amenities for the Pacific Coast Highway Transit Center Project, CC-1267. Bids for the project were received and opened on May 19, 2009 and are listed in ascending order.

<u>Bidding Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Granitex Construction	\$951,677.00
2. Harbor Constructors	\$1,341,025.00

Due to the bids received being substantially in excess of the estimated cost, City Council approved staff recommendations to reject all bids on June 15, 2009. Additionally, Council authorized staff to re-advertise after a detailed review and redesign of the project.

The post-bid analysis identified that the material and fabrication costs of bus shelter components contributed to the significantly high and few number of bids. Staff discussed the use of alternative materials and different bus shelter designs with the City's consultant aimed at reducing costs.

Based on the analysis staff proposes installing up to six (6) bus shelters with benches, trash receptacles at the locations shown in Attachment 3 to hold within the project's budget. The previous plans proposed shelters at eight (8) locations. The sidewalk along PCH where the improvements are proposed is outside the Caltrans right-of-way and owned by the City. Construction is scheduled for early 2010.

OCTA was involved with the preliminary design elements and functional requirements of the transit center improvements and will review the plans and specifications prior to final City design. The bus shelters will include overhead pedestrian lighting and will meet ADA requirements. The shelters were designed to conform to the surrounding architecture and coastal environment. On September 10, 2009, the proposed shelter design was presented to the Design Review Board. The result of the Design Review Board review will be presented at the September 16 meeting. The project received Zoning Administrator approval back on January 14, 2009.

Since no bus shelter advertising is allowed within the Coastal Zone, the current bus shelter franchise agreement for maintenance is not applicable. Maintenance of the bus shelter and bench components is likely to be City funded. Trash pick-up is expected to be included in services currently provided by Rainbow Disposal. The cost for graffiti removal and cleaning by City forces is estimated to be between \$1,000 and \$2,000 annually.

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In June 2006, the Public Works Department requested a legal opinion from the City Attorney to determine if the project required approval of a majority of City Council and the electorate pursuant to Huntington Beach Charter Section 612 ("Measure C"). An analysis was conducted and the City Attorney determined that Measure C does not apply to this project.

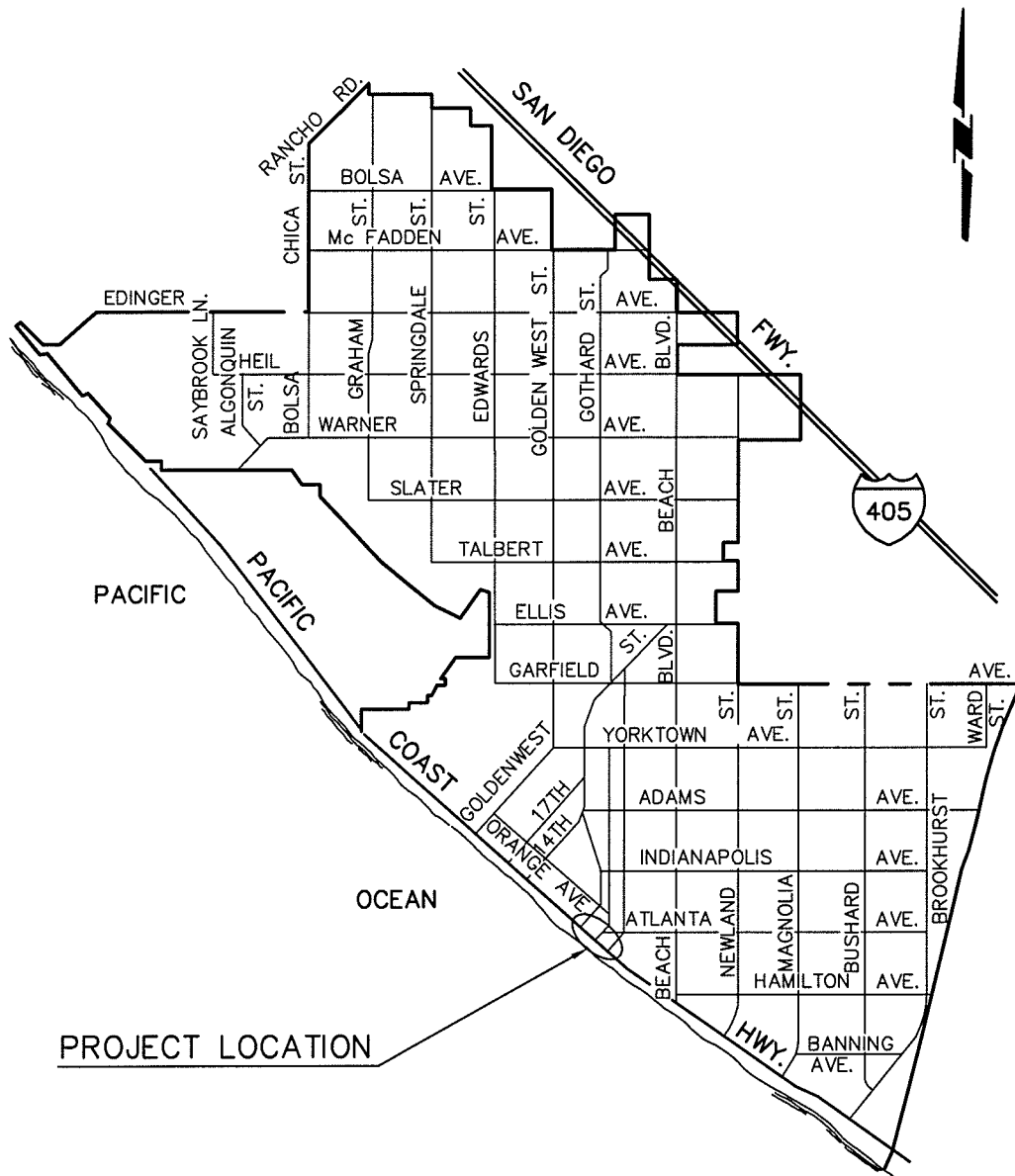
Attachments:

1. Project Vicinity Map
2. PCH Transit Center Project Location Aerial
3. Proposed Project Street Plan

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Project Location – P.C.H. Transit Center

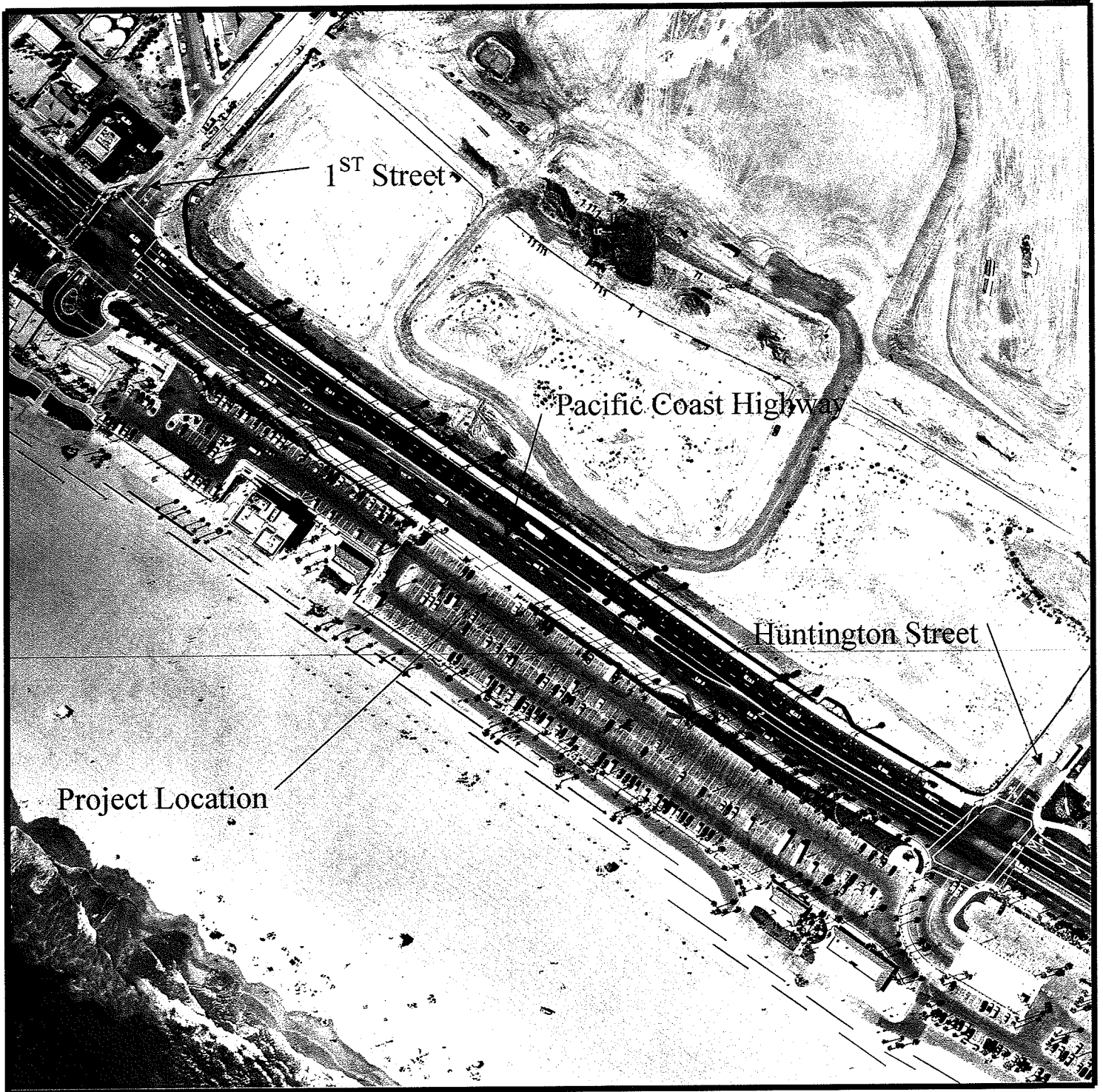
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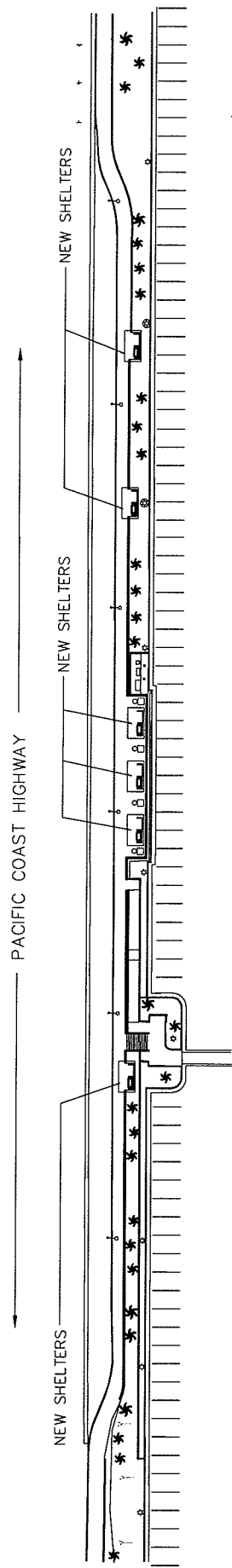
Pacific Coast Highway Transit Center Project Location

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PROPOSED PROJECT SITE PLAN



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P.C.H. TRANSIT CENTER